

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Dankovich et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2136**
Serial No.: **10/675,670** § Examiner: **Parthasarathy, Pramila**
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For: **Heterogeneous Domain-Based Routing** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920030647US1**
Mechanism for User Authentication

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Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.